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Middlebury College opens July 2 and continues until August 9.

During the first two weeks of the Session STATE SUMMER SCHOOL authorized by the Department of Education will be conducted jointly with the Session. Members of the College Faculties will remain to give their best courses at the Session and the value of their work will be enhanced by members of the Faculty of other higher institutions—Harvard, Brown, Dartmouth, Rhode Island State College, Chicago University and Northwestern University.

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Among the Rocks.

Oh, good gigantic smile o' the brown old earth,
This autumn morning! How he sets his bones
To bask i' the sun, and thrusts out knees and feet
For the ripple to run over in its mirth;
Listening the while, where on the heap of stones
The white breast of the sea-lark twitters sweet.

That is the doctrine, simple, ancient, true;
Such is life's trial, as old earth smiles and knows.
If you loved only what were worth your love,
Love were clear gain, and wholly well for you:
Make the low nature better by your throes!
Give earth yourself, go up for gain above!

—*Robert Browning*

THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS.

SOME THOUGHTS ON BROWNING'S ETHICAL VIEWS.

[By G. Watts Cunningham, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy.]

IN an essay entitled "The Ethics of Robert Browning", the critic, H. H. Boyesen, makes the rather remarkable statement that the predominant tendency of the ethics of the poet is to magnify man's carnal nature at the expense of the spiritual. He maintains that Browning "preaches frankly the rights of passion, and derides in his heroes all pusillanimous regard for duty". The critic is willing to admit that the poet does at times paint goodness and virtue with a sympathetic touch, as, for example, in Pompilia in "The Ring and the Book," and Pippa in "Pippa Passes". But these portraits are not productions of Browning at his best as a poet. "Self-abnegation, abtsention, renunciation, are pale negative terms which in nowise attract him, except for the psychological curiosities which they may reveal. Natural sweetness and nobility, which are but the acting out of healthy inborn instincts, command his sympathy, but it is where long-suppressed power flares out in baleful passion that he is at his best". In a word, it is "the tendency of Browning to glorify the flesh".

The purpose of the present paper is to deny the justice of this charge. The basis upon which the denial is to rest is that rare poem, "Rabbi Ben Ezra". One may object that this short poem is not sufficient warrant for any assertions concerning Browning's ethical views. And, perhaps, there is some force to

the objection. But a careful reading of the poem will convince one that, if it is not a sufficient basis (as the writer believes it is) for a flat and final denial of the validity of the above interpretation of Browning's views, it at least must be explained away before that interpretation can be established. The poem as a whole makes directly against the position of the critic; and that fact is ample justification for our confining our attention to it in discussing the criticism.

Of course it is possible, by taking isolated passages from this poem, to discover passages that seem to substantiate Boyesen's interpretation. For example:

> For pleasant is this flesh;
> Our soul, in its rose-mesh
> Pulled ever to the earth, still yearns for rest:
> Would we some prize might hold
> To match those manifold
> Possessions of the brute,—gain most, as we did best!
>
> Let us not always say
> "Spite of this flesh to-day
> I strove, made head, gained ground upon the whole!"
>
> As the bird wings and sings,
> Let us cry, "All good things
> Are ours, nor soul help fiesh more, now, than
> flesh helps soul!"

Is not this the gospel of the "flesh" in all its purity? Could there be stronger statements to the effect that the end of life, the *summum bunum*, is merely the satisfaction of bodily desires? "Possessions of the brute", is it not the analogue of these that we are enjoined to seek?

But, on the other hand, it is just as easy to find lines that seem to preach the contrary doctrine. We have to search no further than the fourth passage of the poem:

> Poor vaunt of life indeed,
> Were man but formed to feed
> On joy, to solely seek and find and feast:
> Such feasting ended, then
> As sure an end to men;
> Irks care the crop-full bird? Frets doubt
> the maw-crammed beast?

And there are others of similar import. It is not at all difficult to discover them.

Now it is hardly to be supposed that Browning has been guilty of contradicting himself in such short compass. The difficulty lies not with the poet, but with our own method of interpreting him. The tyro in interpretation knows that no author can be fairly understood by taking passages here and there at random from his writings and attempting to spell out their meaning in their isolation: they must be understood in their context, if they are understood at all. This is peculiarly true of the poem before us. It is an organic whole, as a painting or a statue is; and its meaning can only be mutilated and distorted, if it is viewed in this piecemeal fashion. We must ask concerning the meaning of the whole, if we would enter into the real thought of the author.

What, then, is the meaning of the poem, "Rabbi Ben Ezra"? I shall justify my interpretation by quoting rather freely the poet's own words. As I comprehend it, the meaning of the poem is as follows:

Human life is a very complex affair. It is composed of multifarious elements, which we may group together into two general classes: bodily impulses and spiritual ideals. Moreover, life is a whole; it is the manifestation of a plan. These are the fundamental considerations upon which the poem is built. Man is more than a brute, he is an animal with an ideal dimension; "a spark disturbs our clod". But the life of the ideal man does not consist in vain ambitions and unfulfilled longings; we are not mere spirit. Experience, bodily processes of eye, ear, and brain, must keep pace with the flights of the spirit; the ideal and actual must be conjoined. "Should not the heart beat once, 'How good to live and learn?'" In youth, experience lags behind the flighty soul, which pushes ambitiously and persistently into the future for its realization; but youth is immature, and, so to say, in a state of unstable equilibrium. It is to age that we must look for an experience that approximates to the attainment of what youth aspires to be; here we find the union of experience, on the one hand, and the soul on the other. And happy is the man who finds satisfaction in this consummation. Such an one it is who is truly a man:

> Let us not always say
> "Spite of this flesh to-day
> I strove, made head, gained ground upon the whole!"

As the bird wings and sings,
Let us cry "All good things
Are ours, nor soul helps flesh more, now, than
flesh helps soul!"

Therefore I summon age
To grant youth's heritage,
Life's struggle having so far reached its term:
Thence shall I pass, approved
A man, for aye removed
From the developed brute; a God though in the germ.

Such an one it is, moreover, who can face the remaining years of bodily existence with undisturbed assurance:

And I shall thereupon
Take rest, ere I be gone
Once more on my adventure brave and new:
Fearless and uperplexed,
When I wage battle next,
What weapons to select, what armor to indue.

And this assurance is justified; for it is such an one who has learned the secret of the art so hard to learn:

So, still within this life,
Though lifted o'er its strife,
Let me discern, compare, pronounce at last
"This rage was right i' the main,
That acquiescence vain:
The future I may face now I have proved the Past."

For more is not reserved
To man, with soul just nerved
To act to-morrow what he learns to-day:
Here, work enough to watch
The Master work, and catch
Hints of the proper craft, tricks of the tool's true play.

Such an one it is, finally, who can face without a quiver the last and greatest of the ordeals of life:

As it was better, youth
Should strive, through acts uncouth,
Toward making, than repose on aught found made:
So, better, age, exempt
From strife, should know than tempt
Further. Thou waitedst age: wait death nor be
afraid!

But age itself is not without its ambitions. Life is a plan that stretches beyond death: the Potter's wheel of time has shaped the pitcher for uses yet unknown but to be longed for. It is true the wheel "runs back or stops"; but "Potter and clay endure".

> Look not thou down but up!
> To uses of a cup,
> The festal board, lamp's flash and trumpet's peal,
> The new wine's foaming flow,
> The Master's lips a-glow!
> Thou, heaven's consummate cup, what needst thou
> with earth's wheel?

If the above be the true interpretation of Browning's thought, then it certainly is true that, in "Rabbi Ben Ezra" at any rate, he does not teach the glorification of the 'flesh' at the expense of the 'soul'. The poem does emphasize the importance of the bodily aspect of existence, but only in opposition to the ascetic ideal. The basic principle of life, the poet urges, is its very restlessness; this is the touch of the divinity within us.

> A spark disturbs our clod;
> Nearer we hold of God
> Who gives, than of his tribes that take, I must
> believe.
>
> Then, welcome each rebuff
> That turns earth's smoothness rough,
> Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go!
> Be our joys three-parts pain!
> Strive, and hold cheap the strain;
> Learn, nor account the pang; dare, never grudge the
> throe!

No! Restless, throbbing, propelling ambition, unsatiated and insatiable, is not our misfortune—such would be the pessimism of Schopenhauer! On the contrary, this is the vital spark of our character! Only, we must be careful that it does not lead us away from the tasks of the work-a-day world into vain and empty Utopian dreams of the ineffable Paradise of Nowhere. We must link the ideal and the actual; our experience must keep within speaking distance of our ambitions. To permit the spiritual to overleap itself and assume an air air of transcendent importance is to make the life barren and profitless.

Furthermore, our poet teaches that the spiritual is the formative force of life. It directs, controls, leads on. It is the stand-

ard in terms of which the experiential is to be measured. Body and soul do not fall together in a blank identity; spiritual ideals and bodily desires do not coincide.

> What is he but a brute
> Whose flesh has soul to suit,
> Whose spirit works lest arms and legs want play?

Man is more than this. In him, the body is the vehicle of the soul during its sojourn in this world of time and place; and it performs its function best, only when it best aids the soul in its efforts to struggle into its own.

> To man, propose this test—
> Thy body at its best,
> How far can that project thy soul on its lone way?

The *summum bonum*, then, lies within the realm of spiritual values; and the worth of the body, the intrinsic excellence of the experiences of eye and ear and brain, must be judged in the light of those values.

We might sum the whole matter by saying that Browning, in this poem, teaches the ancient doctrine of a sound mind in a sound body. He neither glorifies the carnal, nor deifies the spiritual. He simply emphasizes the vital, organic interconnection of the two, and urges that the highest type of life, the truly ethical life, is the one in which each happily supplements and supports the other. He speaks in behalf of the body for the sake of spirit, believing as he does that the truly spiritual life should find genuine happiness in its incarnation. He is never unmindful of the doctrine that he has taught us elsewhere, that "a man's reach should exceed his grasp". But he would also have us remember that a man's grasp is by no means insignificant when we come to judge of his real worth. This type of life is not the life of the ascetic; nor yet is it characteristic of

> Finished and finite clods, untroubled by a spark.

DR. LAMBERT ELECTED DEAN.

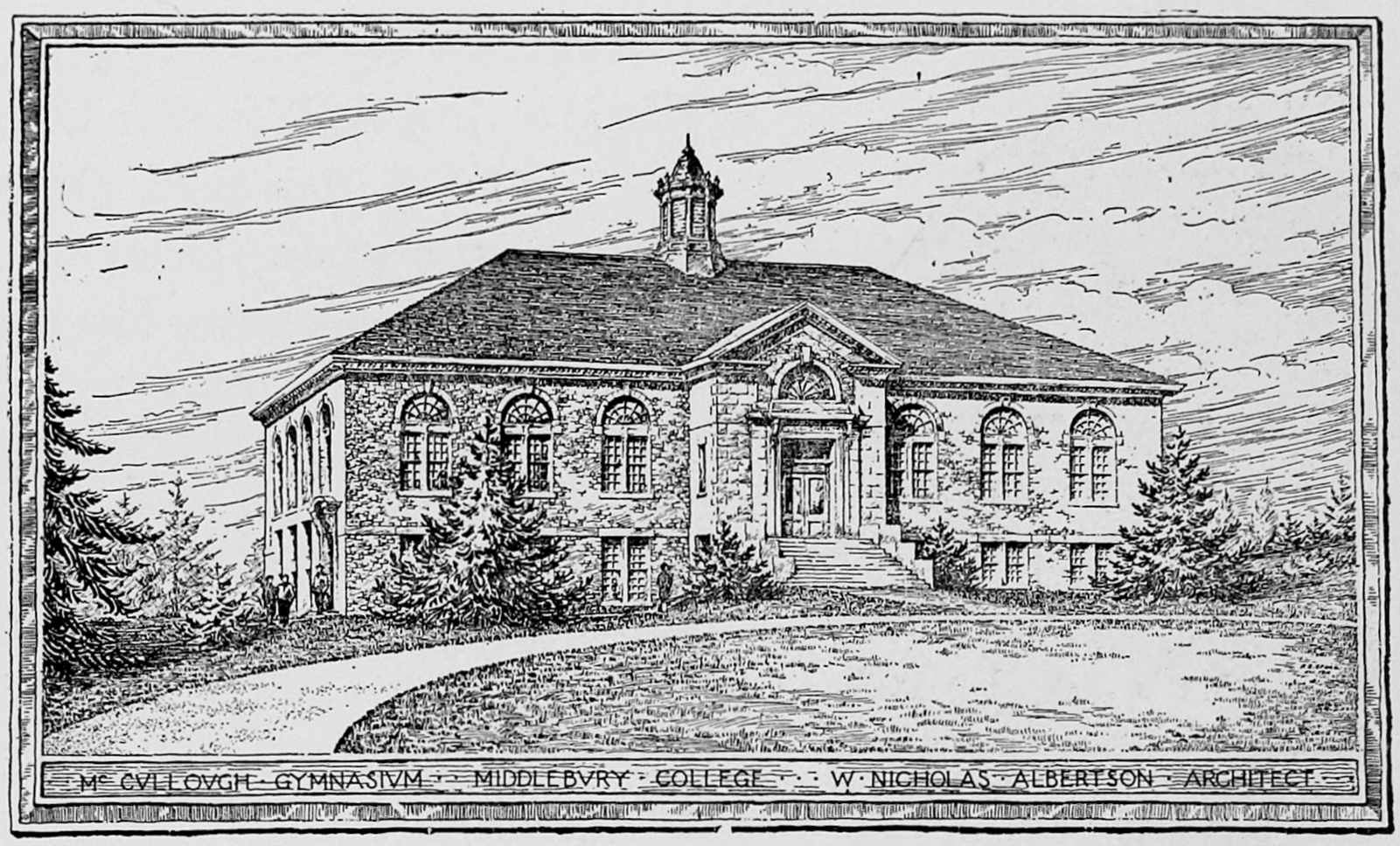
DEAN LAMBERT

DR. AVERY E. LAMBERT has been elected, by the corporation, Dean of the College, to succeed the late Walter E. Howard. This information was announced by President Thomas in the chapel May 15. The election was very pleasing to the student body, which has learned to respect and admire Dr. Lambert since he has been a member of the College Faculty. Dr. Lambert came to Middlebury last September as assistant professor of zoology. For five years previous he was professor of natural science in the State Normal School at Framingham, Mass.

Dr. Lambert is a Maine man. Immediately after his graduation from high school he went to the Bangor Theological Seminary, where he fitted for the Congregational ministry. For many years he served as a successful pastor. Finding himself at Thetford, Vt., twelve miles from Dartmouth, he became a candidate for a degree at the institution, doing work in the scientific department. In 1902 he received his degree of B. S. He received the degree of Ph. D. in 1906 for advance work in biology.

Dr. Lambert was chairman of the State committee for revision of scientific courses in the schools of Massachusetts, 1908–11. He acted as secretary of the New England Association for the Advancement of Agricultural Education, 1907–'11. With other societies Dr. Lambert is a member of the American Society of Zoologists, American Society of Naturalists, American Ornithological Union, and the National Audubon Society. He is the author of studies in Arachnid Embryology and other papers.

Dr. Lambert is energetic, persevering, keen, enthusiastic. He is very much interested in out-door life. Middlebury is fortunate in so excellent a selection.

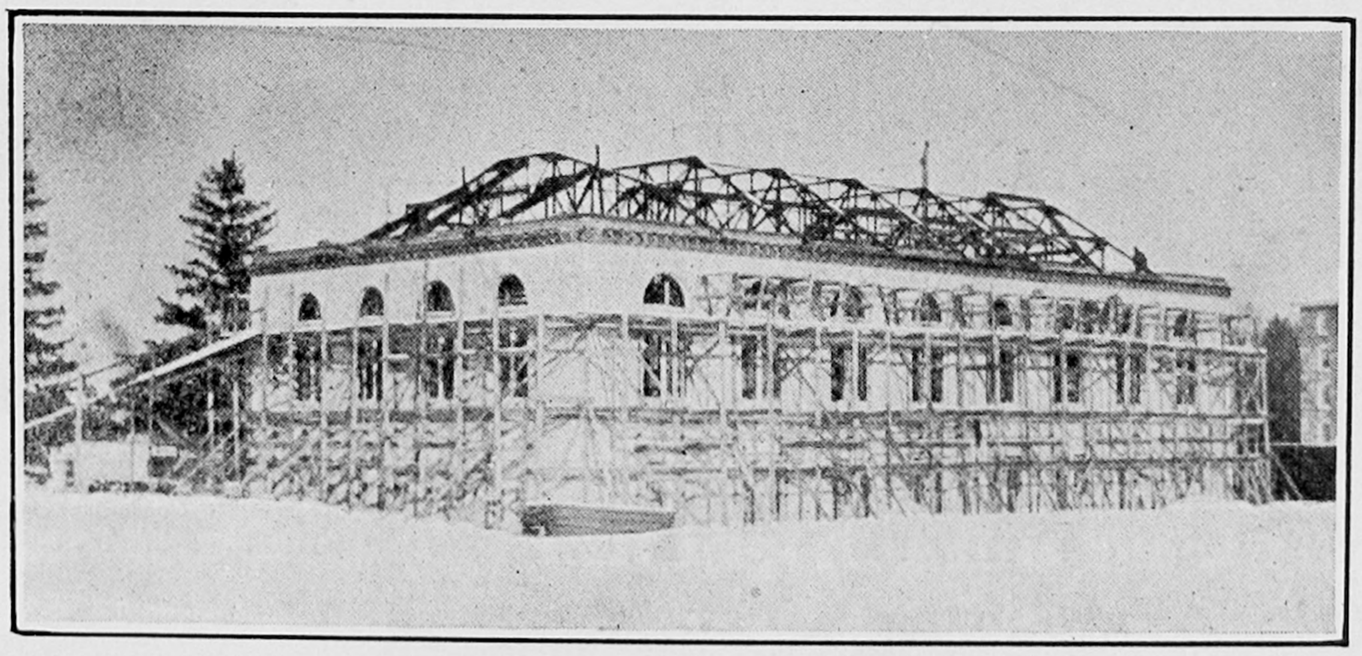


THE MC CULLOUGH GYMNASIUM.

IT was more than twenty years ago that the idea of a gymnasium was first realized in Middlebury College. True it was that the room alloted to it and the equipment was very meagre, but the college had neither the money nor the students to provide a more pretentious place. In the small room on the third floor of north Painter the students of those days found opportunity for physical development. Until 1907 basket ball was played in this room.

In that year the college bought the old Catholic church on Weybridge street and remodeled it so that it made a good basket ball court. In the ensuing years the rivalry between the interclass basket ball teams made good sport through the winter months.

Physical training had never been given in the college, but in 1910 it was offered to the student body and made compulsory



PHYSICAL DIRECTOR FISHER

Who will have charge of Gymnasium

for freshmen and sophomores. Mr. Ray Lisle Fisher was made physical director, and placed in charge of all college athletics. He is a graduate of Middlebury of the class of 1910. While in college he made his name well known in all branches of athletics, but especially in base ball. Besides several seasons with minor league teams, he has played the season of 1910 and is at present with the New York American base ball team.

As the college grew the alumni and undergraduates became unanimous in their desire for a gymnasium that would be adequate to the increased requirements. In 1910, Governor McCullough of Bennington offered to give $25,000 towards the erection of a gymnasium. President Thomas at once set to work to raise another $25,000. The alumni of the college responded loyally, and even the students gave all that they possibly could. The classes of 1910, '11, '12 and '13 contributed nearly a thousand dollars.

The building, of light marble and colonial style, occupies a commanding position at the south end of the old athletic field. In this place it stands as one more factor in the group of proposed new buildings that President Thomas wishes to have in the future. The McCullough gymnasium is 110 feet by 57 feet. The interior finish is very attractive. The walls are built of yellow pressed brick with the exception of a wainscoting which extends for about six feet from the floor, and a narrow border of wainscoting near the roof. The main floor is so designed as to be used as an exercising room and basket ball court and, by moving the apparatus to the sides or raising it to the ceiling, to be converted into a large auditorium.

At the eastern end of the floor is a large stage which will be fully equipped for the presentation of college theatricals. It is also suitable for use by small gymnasium classes. Beneath the

stage is a large dressing room conveniently connected not only with the stage, but also with the main floor, thus making it possible to convert it into a serving room during college banquets.

Two stairways, one on either side of the eastern end of the main hall, lead to the basement, or really to what might be termed the first floor, so much of it is above ground. Here, in the central room, one finds space for 375 lockers, all of which will not be put in until the demand warrants such a number.

Besides the large general shower baths and toilet rooms, there are separate ones for the faculty and visiting teams. Mr. Fisher's office and examination room are conveniently placed so as to be easily accessible. Besides two large hand-ball courts, there is a room to be devoted to boxing and wrestling.

One of the features of the building is the excellent ventilating system which assures fresh air at all times.

Middlebury now has a gymnasium of which she may be proud. However, she is not going to stop with the present building. Next year, or the year after that, someone will donate enough money to build a structure, inside of whose walls will be a dirt floor, the same structure to be used for base ball, football, track and swimming. When such a building has been assured Middlebury will be satisfied—until the next time.

JUNIOR WEEK.

ARTHUR C. THOMAS
Chairman Junior Week

JUNIOR WEEK at Middlebury proved to be a distinct success. Many visitors, including a number of sub-freshmen, attended. The Junior Week committee, Arthur C. Thomas, '12, chairman, George L. Brayton, '13, William W. Chalmers, '13, Walter B. McGuirk, '13, and Edward R. Triggs, '14, arranged the following program:

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH.

Base Ball, St. Lawrence vs. Middlebury, 3:00 P. M.
Reception at Pearsons Hall, 7:00 to 8:00 P. M.
Junior Play, "She Stoops to Conquer", 8:15 P. M.

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH.

Morning Lectures, 8:30 to 12:30.
Base Ball, Lafayette College vs. Middlebury, 3:00 P. M.
Junior Prom., 7:30 P. M.

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH.

Base Ball, Sub-Freshmen vs. Freshmen, 10:00 A. M.
Track Meet, St. Lawrence University vs. Middlebury, 2:00 P. M.

The St. Lawrence game was not played on account of rain. This disappointment was forgotten, however, in the evening, when a reception was held at Pearsons Hall in order that the visitors might be better entertained at the Junior Promenade,

Following the reception, all gathered at the town hall where the junior class presented Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer". Much commendation is due for the general excellence of presentation and for the careful training displayed. The play was staged under the direction of Miss Caroline Crawford, Dean of Women. The rural English comedy furnished the best of entertainment and selections by the college orchestra added much to the evening's pleasure. Mr. John A. Arnold was chairman of the committee.

JOHN A ARNOLD.
Chairman Junior Play

Sir Charles Marlow, - -	Mr. Smiddy
Young Marlow, his son, - - -	Mr. Agnew
Hardcastle, - - -	Mr. Wiley
Hastings, - - - -	Mr. Carrier
Tony Lumpkin, - - -	Mr. Chalmers
Diggory, - - - -	Mr. Bump
Servants - - - -	Mr. Walch Mr. McGuirk Mr. Leonard
Mrs. Hardcastle, - . -	Miss Archibald
Miss Hardcastle, - - -	Miss Buttolph
Miss Neville, - - - -	Miss Cudworth
Maid, - - - -	Miss Hopkins

Lafayette defeated the base ball team on the athletic field Friday afternoon. Stilson pitched a good game, but errors at critical moments enabled Lafayette to score their five tallies. Middlebury failed to connect with Shimer's curves when hits meant runs. Lafayette put up an admirable fielding game.

Score by innings :

Lafayette,	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0—5
Middlebury,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0

Errors : Weafer, Jones, Bundy, McLaughlin and Triggs, 2. Three base hit : Shimer. Two base hits : Dauerhawer, Cederquist. Hits : Weafer, 2, Leonard, Haskins, 2, Helprick. Umpire : Plummer. Time : One hour, fiity minutes.

About eighty couples attended the Junior Promenade in the town hall Friday evening. Music was furnished by Curley's orchestra of Glen Falls, N. Y. The decorations were very attractive, the walls and ceiling being covered with maroon and white streamers. This is the last college dance that will be held in the town hall. The Senior Promenade will be held in the McCullough gymnasium. The patronesses were: Mrs. J. M. Thomas, Miss Caroline Crawford, Miss Harriet Gerould, Mrs. J. H. Stewart and Mrs. J. E. Buttolph. The following was the committee of arrangements : H. O. Williams, chairman, M. J. Dodd, C. S. Reynolds, Miss Helen Harriman, and Miss Phyllis Hopkins.

HARRY WILLIAMS

Chairman Junior Promenade

Saturday morning the sub-freshmen were defeated 10 to 1.

The track team was defeated Saturday by the St. Lawrence University team by the score 74 1-2 to 42 1-2. The meet was close until the last two events, when the visitors made almost a clean sweep. Sweet was high man during the afternoon, with 18 points. Events:

100-yard dash—Williams, St. Lawrence, first; Triggs, Middlebury, second; Cassavant, Middlebury, third; time, 10 2-5 seconds. One mile run—Jones, Middlebury, first; Lytle, St. Lawrence, second; Calder, St. Lawrence, third; time, 4 minutes 52 seconds. Running high jump—Carnal, St. Lawrence, first; Sweet, St. Lawrence, second; Culver, Middlebury, third; height, 5 ft. 4 in. 220-yard dash—Williams, St. Lawrence, first; Cassavant, Middlebury, second; Triggs, Middlebury, third; time, 23 seconds. Hammer throw—Sweet, St. Lawrence, first; 121 feet 7 1-2 in.; King, Middlebury, second, 113 ft. 11 in.; Carnal, St. Lawrence, third, 106 ft. 7 1-2 in. 120-yard hurdles—Dodds, St. Lawrence, first; Welch, St. Lawrence, second; Dade, Middlebury, third; time, 17 4-5 seconds. Shot put—Sweet, St. Lawrence, first; 41 ft. 6 in.; King, Middlebury, second, 41 ft. 4 in.; Howard, Middlebury, third. 440-yard dash—Dodds, St. Lawrence, and Foote, Middlebury, tied for first; Hitchcock, St. Lawrence, third; time, 54 4-5 seconds. Pole vault—Freeman, St. Lawrence, first; Gardner, St. Lawrence, second; Cassavant, Middlebury, third. Half mile—Jones, Middlebury, first; Smith, Middlebury, second; Lytle, St. Lawrence, third; time, 2 min. 6 sec. Broad jump—Sweet, St. Lawrence, first, 20 ft. 4 1-2 in.; Williams, St. Lawrence, second, 20 ft. 3 1-2 in; King, Middlebury, and Freeman, St. Lawrence, tied for third place. 19 ft. 7 1-2 in. 220-yard hurdles—Williams, St. Lawrence, first; Dade, Middlebury, second; Culver, Middlebury, third; time, 28 3-5 seconds. Two-mile run—Slocum, St. Lawrence, first; Capt. Reynolds, Middlebury, second; Calder, St. Lawrence, third; time, 10 min. 58 3-5 sec. Clerk of the course, Professor Fisher; field judges, MacLaughlin, '15, Leonard, '13, Professor Lyford; timers, Van Ness, '13, Professor Swett; starter, Kopke, '12; announcer, Ryan, '12.

PROGRAMME FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16.

10:45 A. M. Public Worship, with Baccalaureate Sermon by President Thomas.

8:00 P. M. Anniversary of the Christian Associations. Address by the Rev. George Miller Rowland, D. D., of the Class of 1883, Saporo, Japan.

MONDAY, JUNE 17.

10:30 A. M. Exercises of the Class of 1912 on the College Campus.

2:00 P. M. Annual Meeting and Initiation of Phi Beta Kappa in the College Chapel.

4:00 P. M. Reception by the Young Women's Christian Association at Pearsons Hall.

8:00 P. M. Speaking by the Freshman and Sophomore Classes for the Parker and Merrill Prizes.

8:00 P. M. Meeting of the Corporation at the Middlebury National Bank.

9:30 P. M. Fraternity Reunions.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18.

9:30 A. M. Preliminary Meeting of the Associated Alumni in the Chapel.

10:30 A. M. Dedication of the McCullough Gymnasium. Presentation of the Building, Hon. John G. McCullough. Acceptance in behalf of the Corporation, Dr. Brainerd Kellogg, '58.

2:00 P. M. Meeting of the Alumnae Association, Pearsons Hall.

3:00 P. M. Alumni-Undergraduate Ball Game.

4:00 P. M. Meeting of the Corporation in the President's Office.

4:00–6:00 P. M. Fraternity and Social Teas.

8:00 P. M. Commencement Drama: "Sheridan's "The Rivals", under the direction of Miss Caroline Crawford. McCullough Gymnasium.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

9:00 A. M. Meeting of the Alumni in the Chapel.

10:00 A. M. Formation of the Procession on the Campus.

10:30 A. M. Graduation Exercises of the Class of 1912, with Conferring of Degrees.

1:00 P. M. Commencement Dinner at the Inside Inn, on the grounds of the Addison County Agricultural Society. Tickets $1.00. Alumni and all friends of the College are cordially invited.

7:30–9:00 P. M. President's Reception at his residence, 10 College street.

9:00 P. M. Commencement Ball.

Tickets for "The Rivals" may be obtained from Dr. Avery E. Lambert, business manager. Prices 75 and 50 cents.

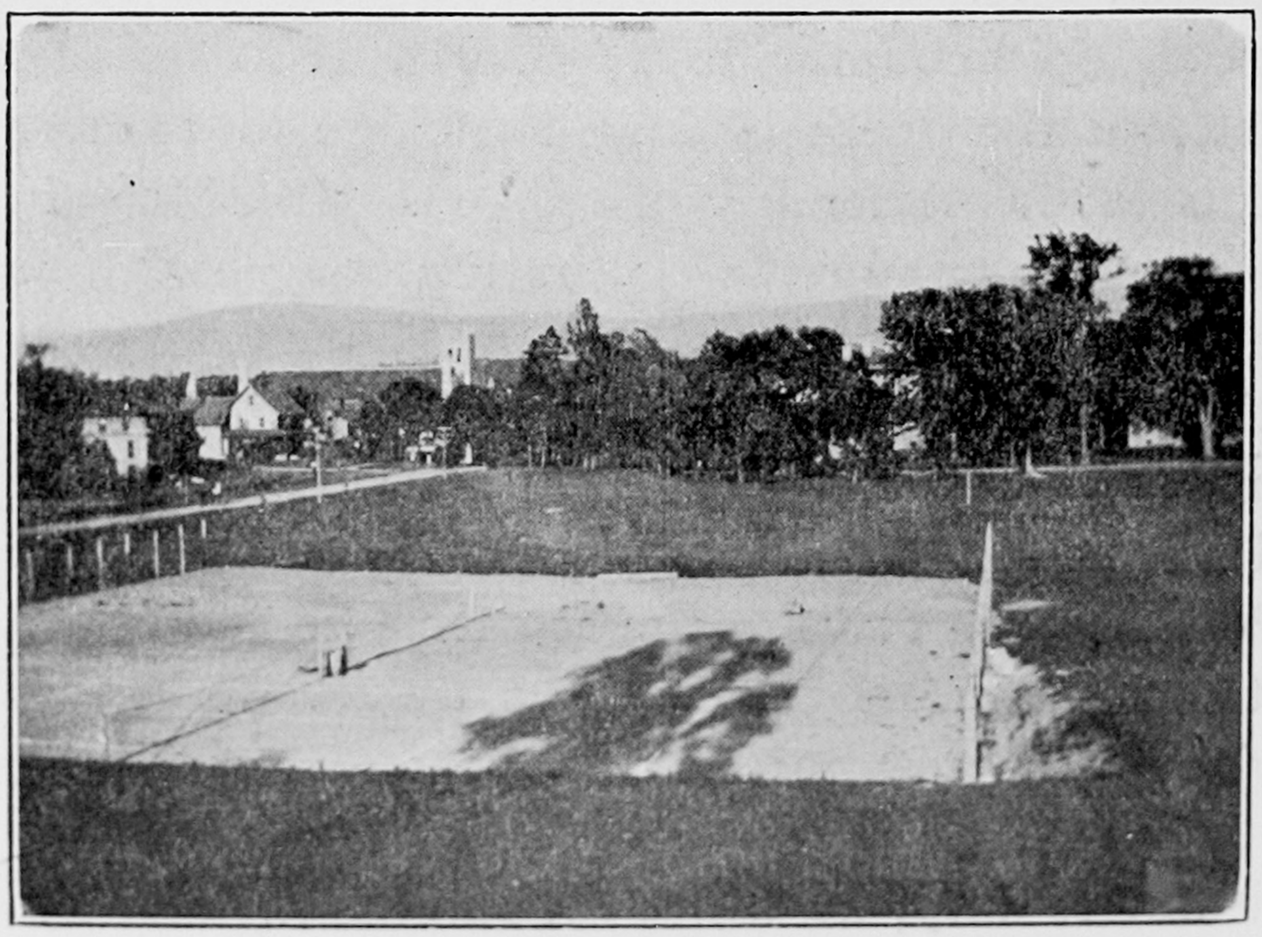
In addition to the exercises of Commencement week, the High schools of the vicinity are invited to an opening of the McCullough Gymnasium on Friday evening, June 14, at 7:15, at which time Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" will be presented by a cast from the Junior Class under the direction of Miss Crawford.

It is suggested that the gathering of the Associated Alumni Wednesday morning be in the nature of a memorial meeting, commemorating among others the late Professor Howard, '71; Henry M. Barnum, '58; and George E. Plumbe, '61.

All friends of the college are invited to the Commencement dinner on Wednesday. Tickets at $1.00 each.

The College Band, composed of students, will furnish music for all open air exercises of Commencement.

Trains arrive at Middlebury at these hours: From the south—a. m., 3:12, 8:21, 11:27; p. m., 3:15, 5:37, 9:50; from the north—a. m., 9:33; p. m., 12:50, 4:53, 9.50, 11:45.



THE NEW TENNIS COURTS

OBITUARIES

DR. S. B. PARTRIDGE.

DR. S. B. PARTRIDGE died at Hamilton, N. Y., April 10, 1912. He was born in 1837 at Evans Mills, N. Y. His family moved to Potsdam, N. Y., when he was a young child, and there he lived most of the time until he entered Middlebury College. He was one of the charter members of the Middlebury chapter of the Delta Upsilon, and was graduated from college with the class of 1861.

Mr. Partridge enlisted as a private in the civil war with the 92nd Regiment of the New York Volunteers, Co. H. We hear of him as first lieutenant, then as second lieutenant. Later he was detached as acting signal officer. March 13, 1865, he was made brevet captain for gallantry under fire. In April he was made chief signal officer. Dr. Partridge was in command of the signal corps detachment which entered Richmond with the first troops in 1865.

In the fall of the same year he entered Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass. After graduation in 1868, he married Miss Henrietta E. Earl of Malden, Mass. Together they sailed for Siam, where Dr. Partridge worked for four years as missionary among the Chinese of that country. Then he was transferred to Swatow, China, where the same Chinese dialect was spoken. He came back to this country in 1878. In 1880 he returned to Swatow, but, on the death of Mrs. Partridge in 1882, he again came to this land. After his marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Adams he returned to China and remained until failing health compelled him to seek a change of climate. Middlebury College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1891. The three years from 1892–1895 were spent in Swatow, when health again compelled his return to this country. The next four years were spent in Potsdam, N. Y. For the last time he and Mrs Partridge returned to China in 1905. In 1908 they came to Hamilton, N. Y., where they remained until the death of Dr. Partridge in 1912.

"Faithful to duty, he heard the call of his country and his God and obeyed and gave the best that was in him."

GEORGE EDWARD PLUMBE.

GEORGE EDWARD PLUMBE, of the class of 1861, died in Chicago, April 24, at the age of 75. He is survived by two children.

Mr. Plumbe was born in Rutland county, Vermont. After leaving college, he received a law degree from the University of Albany. For five years he practiced law in Potsdam, N. Y. In 1868 he went to Chicago, where he was editorial writer for various Chicago papers until 1877. From 1880 to 1901 he was a member of the editorial staff of the Chicago *Daily News*. Later he became librarian and statistician of the Chicago Association of Commerce. He continued in this work until his death. He was a member of the Press Club, the New England Society of Chicago, and the National Geographic Society of Washington, D. C., and was one of five composing the Waterway Committee of the National Council of Commerce, Washington, D. C. He was Chicago secretary of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway Association.

Mr. Plumbe received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Middlebury College three years ago. Recently he was elected president of the Alumni Association.

THE WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

THE women of the college have recently organized an Athletic Association, which it is to be hoped will be instrumental in promoting a taste for the out-door sports for which Middlebury offers so much opportunity. The members of the organization are all members of one or more of the clubs, which have been formed for the promotion of the various sports, as the Walking Club, Tennis Club, Hare and Hound Club. A Field Hockey Club has not yet been organized, as there is as yet no hockey field, but it is hoped that the field will be ready for use next year.

The officers of the association are as follows: President, Eleanor Hatch; vice-president, Ruth Kendall; secretary and treasurer, Wilma Cory.

THE NEW CHEMISTRY BUILDING.

THE contract has been signed for a new hall of chemistry for Middlebury College. The builder is to be Thomas W. Rogers of Brandon. The new building will be located at the northeast corner of the present athletic field, in line with Warner Science Hall and parallel with College street. It will face the field and, with the new gymnasium, will be the second building of the number which will one day form the prospective quadrangle.

The new building is to be of light marble, rock-faced and random laid. It will consist of three stories and a basement. The interior will be very plain and largely brick-finished, as is best suited to a work shop.

The plans for the building were drawn by W. Nicholas Albertson of New York, but the directions given by Professor McGilton before his illness were closely followed.

In the basement provision is made for milk and water analysis, and for combustion and assay work. Here also will be a store room and a protected room for explosives. The first floor is for the time being to be given over to the Department of Home Economics. There will be a commodious laboratory, a sewing room, and an office for the instructor, while at the rear are two general recitation rooms. The second floor will be equipped for the advanced courses in chemistry. Here there will be large laboratories for both Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis, a smaller research laboratory, a balance room, hydro-sulphide room, and a library and recitation room. On the third floor will be a large general laboratory and a general lecture room with raised seats to accommodate a large class. Here also will be an office and private laboratory for the professors.

The entire building will be 100x44 feet. It will be in colonial style, similar to the other buildings of the college.

HIRAM PARKER WILLIAMSON, '95.

HIRAM PARKER WILLIAMSON of the Department of Romance Languages of Chicago University has been designated by that institution to establish in France a school for Americans in French language and literature. The school will be affiliated with the University of Chicago which will allow credit for work done under Mr. Williamson. The project is designed to train accomplished teachers of French and as a pedagogical experiment will be observed with much interest.

THE 1912 FOOTBALL SEASON

THE football outlook is extremely promising. The nineteen-twelve football team should be the strongest eleven that has represented Middlebury for years. Only two men are lost by graduation: Captain King and Hedges, who played half-back and guard respectively. Both of these men are strong players but Physical Director Fisher has an abundance of material with which to fill their places. The fact is that many of the 1911 men will have to fight hard to keep their positions. Captain Leonard will issue a call for early fall practice and it is hoped that the long delay in putting the team into condition, that proved so disastrous last year, will be avoided during the coming season. With such a team the management decided to stiffen up on the schedule. The result is that Manager Agnew has arranged the excellent series which follows:—

September	28.	Trinity College at Hartford, Conn.
October	5.	Norwich University at Northfield, Vt.
October	12.	Rensselaer, Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, N. Y.
October	19.	Hamilton College at Clinton, N. Y.
October	26.	St. Lawrence University at Middlebury, Vt.
November	2.	Springfield Training School at Springfield, Mass.
November	9.	Norwich University at Middlebury, Vt.
November	16.	St. Anselmes College at Middlebury, Vt.

FRATERNITIES HELD INITIATIONS.

ALPHA ALPHA, DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.

ALPHA Alpha of Delta Kappa Epsilon has initiated Bernard Joseph McParland, '15, of Lawrence, Mass, class of 1915.

MIDDLEBURY CHAPTER, DELTA UPSILON

The Middlebury Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity held the initiation banquet of Robert Loder, '15, East Orange, N. J., at the Addison Hotel, May 17.

ALPHA ZETA, ALPHA CHI.

The annual initiation and banquet of Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi was held on Saturday, May 4th. The initiates were: Wilma Corey, '13, Vira Suter and Jane Spaulding, '14, Marian Thomas, Marjory Wright, Katherine Fish, Ruth Norton, Susan Giffen, Eleanor Parkman, Sarah Funnell, Florence Butler, and Abbey Harriman, '15. Among the alumnae present from out of town were: Miss Mary Higley, '98, Miss Eleanor Ross, '95, Mrs. Mable Ryder Fisk, '02, Mrs. Verna Childs Hawkins, '07, Miss Mary Markolf, '08, Miss Edith Fay, '09, Miss Myra Bagley, '10, Miss Eunice Smith and Miss Marian Martin, '11, Miss Frances Williams, ex-'13, and Miss Helen Carrigan, ex-'14

VERMONT ALPHA, PI BETA PHI

The initiation banquet of Vermont Alpha of Pi Beta Phi was held on May 4 at the Addison House. The guests present from out of town were: Miss Marianne Landon, New Haven, Vt.; Miss Eliza H. Hart, Bennington, Vt.; Miss Gertrude M. Brodie, West Rutland, Vt., and Miss Alta Grismer, Burlington, Vt. The initiates were: Emma L. Feeney, Isabelle C. Field, Ruth Kendall, Florine M. Parker, Alice H. Wilson and Laura E. Walbridge.

MU, SIGMA KAPPA.

The first annual initiation and banquet of Mu Chapter of Sigma Kappa was held on Friday evening, May 3. The initiates were: Jessie Haskins, Alice Holmes, Mildred Snow, Edith Boyce, Eliza Cady, Clara Dewey, May Guerin, Harriet Grandey, Margaret Mills, and Adelaide Ross. The alumnae present were: Grace Allen, Ruth Burnham, and Marian Frizelle.

DELTA SIGMA.

In order to correct errors that appeared in a past number of THE CAMPUS we print the following: The charter members of

Delta Sigma Fraternity are: Ivers A. Hackett, '12, J. Sterling Moran, '13, William E. Greenleaf, '13, Arthur R. Holden, '14, Clarence W. McIntire, '14, Walter I. Metcalf, '14, George H. Seavey, '14, John C. E. Voss and Elmer R. West, '14. The initiates were: Harold W. Haskins, '15, J. Mott Hoyt, '15, Frank S. K. Hunt, '15, Earle L. Parkinson, '15, G. Stephen Potwine, '15, and Richard Seidenberg, '15.

ALUMNI NOTES.

[Contrary to the usual custom, and perhaps contrary to the strict rendering of the title, the alumni and non-graduate notes are included under this department. We urge all alumni and all former sons of Middlebury to remember that the success of this department depends upon their contributions.]

'83. Rev. Geo. E. Rowland, D. D., of Japan will deliver the address at the anniversary of the Middlebury College Christian Associations, to be observed June 16.

'91. Clarence Willey has recently been elected superintendent of schools in Bristol, Vt.

'93. Elbert Brigham is a candidate for State Senator.

'95. Charles A. Adams, union superintendent of the schools of Castleton and West Rutland, has been appointed by the State board of education, principal of Castleton Normal school.

'02. Attorney E. C. Lawrence of Malone, N. Y., has been elected village counsel.

The following were in Middlebury during Junior Week:

10. Oscar Williams, who is employed by the Vermont Marble Company, West Rutland, Vt.

'11. William Richmond, who is teaching at Black River Academy, Ludlow, Vt.

'11. Amerigo Ratti, who is teaching in the Proctor High School; Proctor, Vt.

'11. Stephen Doody has returned to his position on the faculty of the Littleton, (N. H.) high school, after a short absence due to an epidemic of small-pox in the school.

Ex-'14. George Edes from Newport, N. H., visited in Middlebury during Junior Week.

Ex-'14. George Abbott of Bethel, Vt., attended the Junior Promenade.

STUDENT NOTES.

The Senior honorary society, the Waubanakees, have elected the men from the class of 1913. The men who appeared at the Lafayette game, wearing the familiar black hat with the red tomahawk, were: Arnold, Atwood, Agnew, Chalmers, Dodd, McGuirk, Smiddy, Wiley, and Williams.

Harold Haskins has been elected captain and G. Clyfton Dade, manager of the freshman base ball team.

The Year Book board of editors for the Class of 1914 has been chosen: Editor-in-chief, Howe K. Cassavant; assistant editor-in-chief, Irene Graves; sporting editors, Eleanor Hatch and Edward Triggs; business manager, William Youngs; assistant managers, Stewart Esten, Florence Aseltine; art editor, John Voss; associate editors, Elton Cronk, Robert Bundy, Charlotte Jenne, and Helena Carpenter.

The following sophomores have entered the Merrill prize speaking contest: Denison, Cook, Bundy, Hill, West, Fisher, Cassavant, and Sterns.

The six freshmen who will compete for the Parker prizes are: Dade, Hoyt, McParland, Huntley, Shea, and C. E. Cole.

At a meeting of the Student Government Association, held on May 21, the following officers were elected for next year: President, Mary Archibald; vice-president, Bessie Cudworth; treasurer, Helen Harriman; secretary, Ellen Bailey.

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